

ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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Subject: Draft GSP Emergency Regulations Public Comment

Dear Ms. Bisnett:

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Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments to the Department of Water Resources on the Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations (GSP Regulations). AEWSD's boundary covers over 130,000 acres and nearly 115,000 acres of highly productive irrigated agricultural lands that provide various crops throughout the world. AEWSD's boundary also includes areas of disadvantage communities which rely solely on groundwater extractions.

AEWSD notes that the Kern Groundwater Authority, which AEWSD is a member of, and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), which AEWSD is also a member of, are filing comments on the Draft Regulations and AEWSD hereby wishes to incorporate both comment letters by reference.

AEWSD greatly appreciates the GSP Regulations flexibility in local management. AEWSD has actively managed its groundwater aquifer since its inception in 1942, of which groundwater conditions at that time ultimately led to the district's formation. AEWSD has collected a vast amount of groundwater related information and accordingly will utilize such data, as well as other factors including but not limited to geologic and geographic features, to highlight its successful conjunctive use story and stabilization of groundwater levels since the 1960's when the importation of surface water deliveries first commenced.

Sincerely.

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